

South Korea National Youth Policy Institute Visits LACDMH
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On Friday, August 03, 2012, Dr. Choi In Jae, Ph.D., from the South Korea National Youth Policy Institute, met with LACDMH staff to learn about mental health issues and policies at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Dr. Choi had many questions about youth programs and suicide prevention.

Jung Ahn, MSW, Community Worker, graciously served as hostess and interpreter for the meeting. Derek Hsieh, Program Head, Emergency Outreach Bureau, outlined the multiple field response teams, specifically with regard to children.

Children's System of Care was on hand with Kanchana Tate, LCSW, PSW II, Maria Vargas, MSW, PSWI, and Leslie Yang, LCSW, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, to elaborate on children's programs and school mental health.

Sermed Alkass, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist II, from Transition Age Youth (TAY) described all the TAY programs and how they are accessed.